

CLAIMS

1. An installation for monitoring containers (3; 107; 109; 111) each equipped with an information medium (7), comprising at least one storage zone (103; 300; 302, 304, 306, 308) for the containers including at least one access (118; 320) to the storage zone, provided with at least one reading device (13; 55) able to read the information on the containers' information medium (7), and data exploitation means exploiting at least the information registered by the reading device (13).
2. The installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the exploitation means comprise means (148) for evaluating the stock of containers warehoused in the storage zone.
3. The installation as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the exploitation means comprise means for determining the positions of the containers in the storage zone (103; 300).
4. The installation as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the storage zone (103;...303) comprises at least one facility (100) for distributing a stock of containers (107, 109, 111) comprising a storage space (103) for the containers (107, 109, 111) and means of authorization (140) of removal of at least one container (107, 109) disposed in said storage space (103), said means of authorization (140) comprising, on the one hand, disabling means (144), switchable between a position for disabling the containers (107, 109, 111) disposed in the storage space (103) and a distribution position in which at least one container (107, 109) is authorized to be removed, and, on the other hand, means (146) of control of said disabling means (144).
5. The installation as claimed in claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the information exploitation means furthermore comprise means (162) for memorizing at least one minimum threshold of full containers, means (170) for comparing the stock with the minimum threshold of full containers, means for triggering a

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